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people know about the existence of the farm? Will the Hon. Minister be pleased to visit the farm once and if he is convinced about the unsuitability of the place for locating the farm, will he consider the question of shifting the farm to a more central place?"

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—" As hon. Members are aware I took over this portfolio only very recently and I had no time to visit this farm. I will surely visit this farm as soon as possible and do the needful."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" How many of these farms are provided with grazing grounds and how many are not provided with grazing ground?"

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER.—" I require notice, Sir."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" What are the different species of livestock that are stocked in these farms, or are these farms stocked only with human beings?"

SRI V. K. RAMASWAMY MUDALIAR :—" Will the Hon. Minister consider the desirability of shifting the Hosur Farm to any of the Tamil districts in view of the fact that there is every danger of this area (Hosur) being taken away by the Mysore or the Andhra State?"

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—" I cannot answer the question, yes or no, unless I know the locality."

Expenditure for the celebration of Independence Day in **1953.**

* 220 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state what is the amount spent by the Government for the celebration of Independence Day on 15th August 1953 at Madras? 9-50 a.m.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" A sum of Rs. 371-9-0 was spent towards the arrangements for the celebrations in question."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" சுதந்திர தின விழாவிற்காக சர்க்கார் சிப்பந்திகளால் செலவு செய்யப்பட்டது எவ்வளவு? மத்திய அரசாங்கத்தார் இது சம்பந்தமாக மாகாண அரசாங்கத்தோடு வைத்துக்கொண்ட தொடர்பின் கருத்து என்ன? மத்திய அரசாங்கத்திற்கு மாகாண அரசாங்கம் அளித்த பதில் என்ன?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Notifications are published now and then for the purpose of proper observance of the Independence Day. If the hon. Member wants the various notifications and communications we have received from the Government of India, certainly I will make them available for him."

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SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Are the arrangements for the celebration of the Independence Day made on party lines or is it an all-party concern? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" It is done by the Government which means all the people and not any particular party."

Provincialization of hospitals.

* 221 Q.—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) why the Government provincialized the hospitals in the State; and

(b) the special reasons for the Government to provincialize the hospitals at Tirukoilur and Virudhachalam and not to establish one at Gingee?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) & (b) In order to relieve local bodies of considerable financial liabilities and at the same time to expand facilities for treatment of all general diseases, the Government have been taking over five or six medical institutions every year maintained by local bodies for development as Medical and Surgical centres, subject to the availability of funds.

" The hospitals at Tirukoilur and Virudhachalam have not been provincialized so far."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" From the communication I received from the department, I got the information that only after provincializing the hospitals at Tirukoilur and Virudhachalam, they would think of Gingee. I want to know the policy of the Government in this matter. While it is the policy of the Government to provincialize hospitals at every taluk headquarters, why they are not opening a hospital at Gingee? Or are they going to provincialize only the existing hospitals under district boards and the subsidized hospitals under the control of missionaries? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Provincialization of hospitals is decided upon after the Government consider the recommendations of the Director of Medical Services on the subject."

Grant of house-sites to those evicted from Thandavankuppam village.

* 222 Q.—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state whether new house-sites were given to those evicted from Thandavankuppam village, in Neiveli Lignite Mines, South Arcot district?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Yes, Sir."